PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
OMAHA, NEB., OCTOBER 17-19, 1916.

DIRECTORY, 1916-1917

OFFICERS.

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Literature.
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Box Work.
Mrs. M. A. Ritzen, South Auburn, Neb.

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Home.
Mrs. Fredericksen, North Platte, Neb.
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Mrs. R. M. Badger, Lincoln, Neb.
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Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Omaha, Neb.
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Miss Lydia Bender, Yutan, Neb.
Mission Study.
Mrs. L. J. Powell, West Point, Neb.

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North Platte.
Mrs. C. W. Nelson, Benson, Neb.; Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Allen, Neb.; Mrs. Aug. Hecker, Hooper, Neb.
South Platte.
Mrs. M. E. Bollinger, Nebraska City, Neb.; Mrs. M. L. Melick, Rising City, Neb.; Mrs. E. E. Shimonek, Wilber, Neb.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Grace Church, Omaha.

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CONVENTION THEME—EFFICIENCY

OPENING SESSION.

OCTOBER 17, 1916, 8:00 P. M.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday evening, October 17, 1916, in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Omaha, Rev. S. H. Yerian, pastor, with the President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, presiding.

Rev. S. H. Yerian conducted the liturgical service.

Mrs. C. E. Gould of Ponca read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. C. W. Nelson of Benson offered the Convention prayer.

After music by the Junior Choir, Mrs. H. O. Wilson of St. Luke's extended a hearty welcome to the delegates.

The response was given by Mrs. M. A. Mostert, who took the place of Mrs. T. J. Trauernicht of Beatrice, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

Mrs. Lindburg of St. Luke's presented a life membership in the General Society to Mrs. Yerian in appreciation of her service in the local society.

Our General President, Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., gave an interesting address.

An offering of $13.01 was received, after which Rev. S. H. Yerian conducted the closing service.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional Services were conducted by Mrs. R. M. Badger of Lincoln. The President then declared the Convention open for business. Enrollment of Delegates and Roll Call followed.

Roll of Officers.

President—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. B. Weller.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia Bender.
Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.
Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Mrs. J. Mathiesen, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Department Secretaries.

Mrs. C. Roby Maxwell, Miss Mary Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Badger, Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Mrs. M. L. Melick.

Roll of Delegates—Woman's Societies.

Benson—Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mrs. C. Whitaker.
Dakota City—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.
Falls City—Mrs. J. Mathiesen, Mrs. Henry Zorn.
Lincoln—Mrs. H. C. Freaderich, Mrs. E. Bollman.
North Platte—Mrs. F. H. Thompson.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. C. A. Lotz, Mrs. Fred Wood.

Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Mrs. C. F. Betcke.

Omaha, St. Mark's—Mrs. Evelyn Larsen, Mrs. Betty Haas.

Omaha, Ludden Memorial—Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Mrs. Sylvia Stough.

Ponca—Mrs. C. E. Gould.

Rising City—Mrs. G. H. Miller, Mrs. David Curry.

South Auburn—Mrs. M. A. Ritzen.

Wayne—Miss Addie Stambaugh.

West Point—Miss Viola Spillner.

Wilber—Mrs. E. E. Shimonek.

York—Mrs. C. E. Sparks.

Young People's Societies.

Emerson—Mrs. C. H. Lewis.

Omaha, Grace—Mrs. C. N. Swihart, Miss Wilhelmina Rensch.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Young Ladies'—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial, P. V.—Miss Nellie Baldwin.

Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. O. F. Lindburg.

Mission Bands.

Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. R. F. Bowers.

North Platte—Mrs. A. Haspel.

Life Members.

Mrs. R. M. Badger, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Miss Lydia Bender, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Miss Louisa Elizabeth Neiswanger, Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Mrs. Allen Koch, Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, Mrs. F. S. Delo.

Visitors.

Mrs. O. P. Goodman; Messrs. Haspel, Zorn and

Grimm; Revs. Badger, C. N. Swihart, Chas. Lowe, M. E. Bollinger, C. H. Lewis, G. W. Snyder, E. Bollman, G. W. Livers, R. W. Livers, Dr. S. H. Yerian, Rev. and Mrs. Donaldson; Mesdames Vera Wolverton, H. Grimm, Forsell, Conrad, R. R. Over, Oschenbeim, Frank L. L. Wilson, Chas. Friese, F. W. Carmichael, Emma Nelson, Mary Lowe-Springer, J. F. Smith, Miss Marvel Smith, Mrs. J. M. Snyder, Miss Flavel Bollman, Mrs. Gleichert, Mrs. Nellie Sherwood.

The Rules of Order were read, and after a short recess, the following Convention Committees and Reporters were appointed:

Convention Committees.

President's Address—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Mrs. E. Bollman.

Executive Committee's Report—Mrs. Fred Wood, Mrs. M. A. Ritzen.

Special Committee's Report—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Mrs. C. E. Gould.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Miss Viola Spillner, Mrs. G. H. Miller.

Historian's Report—Mrs. C. E. Gould, Mrs. Evelyn Larsen.

Literature Committee's Report—Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mrs. Sylvia Stough.

Box Work Committee's Report—Mrs. R. M. Badger, Mrs. H. C. Freaderich, Mrs. R. F. Bowers.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Miss Lydia Bender, Mrs. C. N. Swihart.

Minutes of Last Convention—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Miss Wilhelmina Rensch.

Conference Committee's Reports—Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Mrs. F. H. Thompson.

Letters and Papers—Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Addie Stambaugh.

Resolutions—Mrs. G. W. Snyder, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Claims—Mrs. E. E. Shimonek, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Reporters—Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger; Lutheran Church Work and Observer, Mrs. C. E. Sparks; Omaha Daily News, Omaha Bee, Omaha World-Herald, Mrs. R. M. Badger.

To Convey Greetings to Nebraska Synod—Mrs. G. W Snyder.

The President delivered her annual address, which was accepted and referred to the appointed committee.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Friends and Co-Workers of the Nebraska Synodical Society:

Once more, through the providence of Almighty God, we are gathered in annual convention. It is with profound gratitude to Him that we have assembled from the various parts of our state, to carefully recount each step of our past year's journey—to profit by the mistakes and to be encouraged by the successes therein. Wherever Christ has been placed first, and His guidance and blessing sought, we have triumphed; where we have toiled "in our own strength" we have failed.

The reports of Officers and Department Secretaries may not show such results as we might desire; yet I believe they all bear evidence of progress—increase in number of auxiliaries and in membership; increase in offerings and in departmental work.

Your Executive Committee held two meetings during the year, the first in Lincoln, on October 8, 1915, and the second in Wilber, May 4 and 5, 1916. The work of the year was carefully and prayerfully considered and the program for this convention outlined. The vacancy caused by the removal from the bounds of the Synod of Mrs. R. R. Weissmiller, Recording Secretary, was filled by Miss Matie Martin of Hickman and, upon her removal, by the appointment, ad interim, of Mrs. R. B. Weller of Omaha. Mrs. J. Matthiesen of Falls City was appointed Synodical Secretary of Literature to fill vacancy caused by the removal of Miss Maude Martin from the bounds of the Synod.

Our General Work.

This has been presented to you in the address by our General President, Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., and will be further presented in a communication from the General Executive Committee.

Our Synodical Work.

The details of our work here in Nebraska will be received in the reports of the respective Officers and Department Secretaries. Permit me, however, to call your attention to some special points to be emphasized. During the past year a goodly number of new societies have been organized, and inactive ones revived, as follows:

Woman's Auxiliaries at York; St. Mark's, Omaha; Wilber; Benedict, and South Auburn. Falls City will affiliate at this Convention.

A Young Woman's Society at Bruning.

Mission Bands at Lincoln, Benson and Bruning.

We extend to all these societies a most hearty welcome, and pray that they may live and prosper and become a mighty power in their respective communities.

But why should any society lapse? Is it because the **social** has been emphasized to the exclusion of the **spiritual?** The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society feeds upon the Word of God; deprived of this nourishment, it is bound to die! Is it because too much leadership is expected of the pastor's wife, or some other person, and their influence being removed, the Society dies? There should be rotation in office—leaders should be trained for all departments of the work. Is it because the congregation is temporarily without a pastor? It would seem that the organization that has for its watchword the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth, should be the last to become inactive! Each such lapsing influences other churches against organization, lest failure also result.

Now, whatever may be the cause, let us, at this Convention, take measures for prevention. Not only should we endeavor to organize, but let us foster the new and the revived auxiliaries. Their success will depend very largely upon our own efforts in the way of visitation or, at least, in keeping in personal touch with them.

When we note the few children in our Synod who are receiving definite missionary instruction, we might well think that most of our congregations are childless; but when we take

into consideration the fact that our Sunday Schools have an enrollment of fully 6,000 pupils, we must come to the conclusion that we are not childless, but careless. Is the future of our work not of sufficient interest to our present-day workers to train up their successors in the way they should go?

The Anniversary Chest is being more generally used; but let us put forth a much stronger effort during the coming year; let every Auxiliary install such a Chest, and also make constant use of the Chest Seals.

The Literature Department has not received the support it deserves. Delegates should be instructed to order supplies at Synodical Conventions.

Permit me also to call attention to Life Membership, and to the daily use of your Thank-Offering Boxes.

Mission Study.

Only one text-book, "A Short History of Lutheran Missions," by Elsie Singmaster Lewars, will be used for the Woman's and Young People's Societies for the coming year. This book will not be issued before December, but orders for it should be left with the Literature Chairman. "Our South American Neighbors" is recommended for immediate use by Study Classes. "Soldiers of the Prince" and "Children of the Lighthouse" are the titles of two very charming books for our Juniors.

Conferences.

We believe that a new era in Conference work has dawned. Both the North and the South Platte Conferences were largely attended and much interest manifested, which truly proves that our success is as our efforts. The programs were most carefully planned, and proved to be exceedingly helpful and inspiring. It was our privilege to be present at both of these meetings; also to visit Oakland, Nebraska City, Lincoln, South Auburn, Falls City, Benson and St. Mark's, Omaha, in the interest of organization.

Recommendations.

The following recommendations are presented for your consideration:

1. That this Convention devise means whereby we may fittingly celebrate the Quadricentennial of the Reformation—making one of the goals the doubling of our membership.

2. That our membership be thoroughly canvassed during the month of November, for the purpose of securing new and renewal subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, and that efforts be made to place Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School in our Synod.

3. That the Twilight Hour of Prayer be faithfully observed.

4. That wherever practicable and possible, Mission Study Classes be formed.

5. That Quarterly Reports be sent to the President by Officers and Department Secretaries.

6. That so far as possible, each Society endeavor to make its membership fee average ten cents per month per member.

7. That this Convention devise means for the definite visitation of new, weak and inactive Auxiliaries, by some person thoroughly acquainted with local conditions.

8. That the Nebraska Synod be memorialized to give the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in actual practice, the place it rightfully deserves, making it first among its organizations, especially in the newly organized congregations, on account of its educational and spiritual influence; even though such societies may not be able to contribute largely to General Work.

With due appreciation of your confidence and loyalty, I return to you the trust committed to my hands one year ago, praying God's richest blessings upon you, both in the deliberations of this Convention, and in the advancement of His Kingdom in our beloved Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

Report of Executive and Special Committees were read and referred to proper committees.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee met twice during the year. The first meeting was held in Lincoln, Oct. 8, 1915. Convention claims were allowed. It was recommended that Convention papers be limited to set time and that they be more varied. The second meeting was held in Wilber, May 4 and 5, 1916. The President, on motion, appointed Miss Matie Martin, Mrs. R. M. Badger and Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger a special committee to prepare a "Standard of Efficiency," to be submitted to the

next Annual Convention. Motion prevailed that Convention Programs sufficient to supply all Auxiliary members be sent to each Auxiliary president.

The Convention Program was also outlined.

Respectfully submitted,

MATIE MARTIN-McALISTER.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Special Committee, appointed to prepare a "Standard of Efficiency" for our Nebraska societies, hereby submit the following:

1. One new member.
2. Ten cents a member per month for dues.
3. An average attendance of two-thirds of the membership at monthly meetings.
4. Subscribers to Magazine to equal number of members.
5. Twenty-five per cent of members leading in prayer.
6. Prompt reports and answers to letters.
7. Delegate to either Convention or Conference.
8. Thank-Offering boxes used and meeting held.
9. Contributions made to May Memorial and Christmas funds.
10. A Mission Study Class.
11. Observance of Twilight Hour of Prayer.
12. Observance of Annual Day of Prayer.

MRS. MATIE MARTIN-McALISTER,
MRS. R. M. BADGER,
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER.

Reports of Corresponding Secretary and Historian read, accepted, and referred to respective committees.

Report of Treasurer with report of Auditing Committee read and adopted.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 31st, 1916.

Index No.	Women's Societies	Organized.	Quarters reported.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Totals, not including Life, Home Dept. Mem	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Home Dept.	Life.	Memorial.	Time of Meeting.	Number Held.	Luth. Women's Work.	Luth. Boys & Girls.	Value of Box Work.	Tabitha Home.
1	Allen	1913	2, 4	Mrs. G. W. Livers	Mrs. E. C. Wharton	13	13	..	..	..	1	..	4th Tuesday	12	12	25	...	.....
2	Auburn, South	1916		Mrs. M. A. Ritzen	Mrs. Fred Schriefer	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	Last Friday	...	7	...	...	.....
3	Beatrice	1892	1,2,3,	Mrs. A. M. Reitzel	Mrs. J. C. Stroh, 906 Ellart	67	19	8	40	13	2	..	3d Friday	11	20	...	...	.....
4	Benson	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. C. Wilber Nelson	Mrs. J. M. Lauritsen, 2420 N. 59th st	13	12	1	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	12	...	30	$5	$15.00
5	Benedict	1916	4	Mrs. Mary Buelow	Miss Minnie Blender	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	1st Tuesday	3	13	...	...	.....
6	Bruning	1915	1,2, 4	Mrs. Harvey Keim	Mrs. Edward Snyder	10	10	..	..	..	..	..		10	10	...	...	.....
7	Dakota Emmanuel	1891	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Geo. Niebuhr	Mrs. Ada Sherman	10	8	2	..	1	3	..	1st Thursday	13	5	...	...	.....
8	Davenport	1907	1,2,3,4	Mrs. A. D. Duncan	Miss Lenora Bohner	7	7	..	..	..	4	..		1	5	...	...	17.00
9	Hardy	1912	1,2,3,4	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson	12	10	..	2	..	..	..	3d Friday	11	9	...	...	42.75
10	Hooper	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. C. C. Cushman	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	13	5	...	...	.....
11	Lincoln	1890	2,3,4	Mrs. J. H. Humpe	Mrs. G. Prestegaard, 1914 Harwood Ave	18	16	2	38	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	9	10	65	...	.....
12	North Platte	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. F. C. Jackson	Mrs. C. B. Harman, 311 W. 5th	19	17	2	..	9	5	..	Last Friday	11	33	...	...	.....
13	Omaha Kountze Memorial	1906	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Allen Koch	Mrs. F. S. Emmons, 4226 Farman St	70	69	1	..	6	14	1	1st Friday	12	61	...	...	.....
14	Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. R. F. Bowers	Mrs. Lillie Vance, 4813 S. 22d St	16	16	..	..	..	..	..	3d Wenesday	10	17	...	...	.....
15	Omaha, Ludden Memorial	1910	4	Mrs. Laura B. Snyder	Mrs. Sylvia S. Stough, 1706 Deer Pk. Blvd.	10	9	1	..	..	1	..	1st Thursday	11	1	65	...	.....
16	Omaha, St. Mark's	1916	2, 4	Miss Vera S. Wolverton	Mrs. Evelyn Larsen, 2807 Hamilton	28	28	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	8	18	200	...	.....
17	Ponca	1880	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Fred Millie	Mrs. W. H. Sears	31	30	1	..	..	..	..	1st Friday	12	12	...	...	.....
18	Rising City	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Geo. Miller	Mrs. M. L. Melick	37	33	4	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	12	26	30	...	.....
19	Roca	1892	1,2,	Miss Matie Martin	Miss Maude Martin	3	3	..	..	3	1	..		...	1	...	...	.....
20	Stella	1912	1,2,3	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Miss Maude Montgomery, Humboldt, Neb.	10	10	..	..	..	1	..	3d Thursday	6	7	...	5	.....
21	Tekamah	1880	4	Mrs. M. D. Willert		8	8	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	4	6	...	...	.....
22	West Point	1903	1,2, 4	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. Ella J. DeBell	13	13	..	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	8	19	...	...	.....
23	Wayne	1915	4	Miss Ada Stambaugh	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf	17	17	..	..	..	..	..	1st Wednesday	3	9	...	...	.....
24	Wilber	1916	3,4	Mrs. George Dorn	Mrs. E. H. Houser	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	7	9	...	...	.....
25	York	1916	3,4	Mrs. C. E. Sparks	Mrs. Geo. Werner	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	8	15	10	...	.....
	Nebraska City					2	2	..	..	..	1	..		...	2	...	...	.....
26	Falls City	1916		Mrs. Frank Zorn	Mrs. Anna Buthman	25	25	..	..	..	..	..		...	5	...	...	.....
	Synodical					1	1	..	..	..	1	1		...	1	...	...	.....
	Totals					466	364	22	80	31	31	2		...	338	425	$10	$74.75

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 31st, 1916—Continued.

Index No.	Young People's Societies	Organized.	Quarters reported.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Members.							Time of Meetings.	Number Meetings Held.	Luth. Women's Work.	Luth. Boys & Girls.	Value of Box Work.	Tabitha Home.
						Totals	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Home Dept.	Life.	Memorial.						
1	Emerson	1915	1, 3,4	Adolph Bonderson	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	60	40	20	..	..	..	..	Last Sunday	7	2	...	...	.....
2	North Platte	1911	2,3,4	Mrs. F. Frederickson	Miss Minnie L. Rudat	11	10	1	..	..	1	..	3d Sunday	9	...	...	...	.....
3	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1912	1,2,3,4	Miss Lillian Over	Miss Maude E. Watson, 812 S. 25th Ave.	23	20	3	..	..	..	..	Last Saturday	16	3	...	...	.....
4	Omaha, Pax Vobiscum		1	Miss Botilla Andresen	Miss Ella Hasselbalch, 2514 Jones St.	26	22	4	..	..	..	..	2d Monday	...	...	...	...	.....
5	Omaha, St. Luke's Young Ladies	1914	1,2,3,4	Josephine Grimm	Miss Ruth Anderson, So. Side Sta., R. R. 5.	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	1st Tuesday	10	1	...	...	.....
6	Omaha, Grace	1914	1,2,3,4	Leona Snyder	Mertha Landroch, 2012 Popleton Ave.	24	13	11	..	..	..	1	2d Sunday	21	21	50	...	.....
7	West Point	1915	2,3,4	Marion Stahl	Amy Brazda	32	24	8	..	..	..	..	Sunday evening	...	3	...	...	.....
8	Bruning	1916				...	...	..	..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	.....
9	Davenport	1915				...	...	..	..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	.....
	Total					190	143	47	..	..	1	1		...	11	150	...	.....
	Mission Bands																	
1	Allen	1914	1,2,3,4	Reba Buckley	Mrs. Laura Warner	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	Last Saturday	9	...	10	...	.....
2	Beatrice	1913	1,2	Fred Brandt	Clara Kimmerling	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	Every Sunday	11	...	...	...	.....
3	Benson	1916	3,4	Emma Kuerten	Esther Johnson, 26 B., No. 62d Ave.	28	26	2	..	..	..	..	2d & 4th Thur.	10	...	30	...	.....
4	Bruning	1916		Mrs. W. E. Nippert, Supt.	Dorothy Schafer	...	...	..	..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	.....
5	Davenport	1915				...	...	..	..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	.....
6	North Platte	1910	1,2,3	Helen Bird	Dorothea Hoga	31	31	..	..	..	..	..	2d Saturday	12	...	30	...	.....
7	Omaha, St. Luke's	1910	1,2,3,4	Blanche Sherwood	Margaret Jetter, 3101 N St.	41	41	..	..	..	..	..	1st Sunday	10	...	1	...	.....
8	Lincoln	1915	1	Ruth Osborn	Ralph Pelring, 1925 S. 24th St.	17	16	1	..	..	..	..	2d Sunday	...	...	...	...	.....
9	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1916	1	Mrs. F. H. Baden		...	...	..	..	..	..	..	2d Saturday	...	...	1	...	.....
10	Rising City	1912	1,2,3,4	Miss Lillie Baker	Beulah G. Garman, Millerton	21	18	3	..	..	..	..	1st Saturday	9	...	...	...	.....
	Totals					156	50	6								92	...	.....
	Grand totals					812	657	75	80	31	..	3		...	344	667	...	.....

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER, Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ladies of the Convention:

Glad am I to submit to you this report, with the largest receipts of any year in our history:

EXHIBIT OF RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1st, 1916.

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Woman's Societies.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Synodical Del. to General Convention.	Life or Memorial Membership.	Fortieth Anniversary Chest.	E. V. Day School for Girls in Africa.	Girls' School in India, Bible Women and Native Workers in India.	New Building for Girls' School in Africa.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Support of Miss L. Miller, India.	Field Secretary.	Totals.
Convention Lincoln offering	$	$ 9.94	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 9.94
Allen	18.00	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.75
Beatrice	9.80	.....	11.60	.....	1.35	.....	.....	2.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	26.20
Benedict	3.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.90
Benson	4.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.30
Bruning	6.80	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.80
Dakota City, Emmanuel	13.70	.90	4.34	1.57	.70	.....	.....	2.63	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.84
Davenport	4.70	.....	2.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.55
Hardy	5.00	.....	4.43	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.43
Hooper	4.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.25	6.75
Lincoln	19.00	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00
North Platte	9.00	1.30	11.70	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70	32.70
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	59.70	6.30	63.00	.....	7.00	.....	90.00	41.03	.....	60.00	.....	.....	.....	3.15	330.18
Omaha, St. Luke's	8.00	1.50	5.48	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.75	25.73
Omaha, St. Mark's	6.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.80
Ponca	40.00	3.10	7.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.10
Rising City	34.40	2.90	61.20	3.26	3.30	.....	.....	16.00	12.50	12.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00	147.06
Roca	3.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00
Stella	10.00	.....	22.93	3.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36.28
Tekamah	3.00	.....	14.97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.97
Wayne	14.30	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.55
West Point	18.90	2.90	19.30	1.80	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.75	45.25
Wilber	6.40	1.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
York	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.15
Yutan	2.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Home Departments.															
Dakota City, Emmanuel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.60
North Platte	7.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.25
Young People's Societies.															
Beatrice	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Davenport C. E.	11.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.25
Bruning, L. L.	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Emerson, L. L.	14.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.10
Nebraska City, L. L.	2.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.55
North Platte	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Pax Vobiscum	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	54.50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Y. L. M. S.	1.70	.....	17.00	1.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	40.45
Omaha, Grace	2.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	20.00	22.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.25
Omaha, St. Luke's	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
A. C. E. Society (no name)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Mission Bands.															
North Platte	3.10	.....	9.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.40
Lincoln	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
Rising City	4.60	.....	8.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.62
Cradle Roll.															
Beatrice	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.80	.....	.....	.80
Synodical	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss Mary Johnson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
	$385.40	$36.44	$316.37	$11.73	$14.55	$1.00	$120.00	$75.91	$52.50	$150.00	$10.00	$0.80	$10.00	$7.20	$1,191.90

RECAPITULATION.

	Cash on Hand.	Receipts in Year.	Totals.	Disbursements.	Balance.
General fund	$ 5.29	$ 385.40	$ 390.69	$ 377.00	$13.69
Synodical fee fund	36.32	36.44	72.76	43.58	29.18
Thank offering	.41	316.37	316.78	316.00	.78
Christmas offering	.27	11.73	12.10	12.00	.10
May memorial	.75	14.55	15.30	15.00	.30
Life membership (memorial)	.....	120.00	120.00	110.00	10.00
Expense, Synodical delegate to general convention	5.22	1.00	6.22	.....	6.22
New building in Africa	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....
E. V. Day girls' school in Africa	.35	52.50	52.85	52.00	.85
Fortieth anniversary chest	.09	75.91	76.00	76.00	.....
Support of Louise Miller	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....
Silver anniversary fund	20.00	.80	20.80	10.00	10.80
Girls' school in India, native workers and Bible women	.....	67.50 60.00 22.50	149.00	149.00	1.00
Field secretary	.....	7.20	7.20	7.00	.20
	$68.80	$1,191.90	$1,260.70	$1,187.58	$73.12

DISBURSEMENTS.

		From Synodical Fee Fund.	From Fund of Silver Anniversary	From Funds and to Objects for Which Given.	Total.
Oct. 8.	To Mrs. M. L. Melick	$ 1.25	$	$	$ .....
Oct. 8.	To S. H. Yerian	20.90	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8.	To Mrs. R. R. Weismiller	6.90	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8.	To Mrs. M. A. Mastert	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8.	To Miss Lydia Bender	2.68	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8.	To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	10.85	.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8.	To Mrs. S. H. Yerian	.....	10.00	.....	.....
Dec. 27.	To Miss M. M. Miller, general treas.	.....	.....	464.00	.....
Mar. 28.	To Miss M. M. Miller, general treas.	.....	.....	230.00	.....
June 27.	To Miss M. M. Miller, general treas.	.....	.....	215.00	.....
Sept. 26.	To Miss M. M. Miller, general treas.	.....	.....	225.00	.....
		$43.58	$10.00	$1,134.00	$1,187.58

Dakota City, Neb., October 10, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. D. M.) ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Dakota City, Neb., October 14, 1916.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod of the Lutheran Church:

This is to certify that we have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, and find them correct.

D. M. NEISWANGER,
C. R. LOWE,
Auditors.

Supplemental Report of Treasurer.

Woman's Societies		General Fund	Synodical Fee	40th Field Secretary	Anniversary Fund	Life		Total
Hardy		....	....	....	$1.00	....	....	$1.00
Lincoln		....	....	....	5.00	....	....	5.00
Omaha	Kounitze Memorial	....	....	....	....	$20.00	....	20.00
Omaha	Ludden Memorial	$ 4.65	$1.00	....	2.63	....	....	8.28
Ponca		10.00	....	$1.50	....	....	$3.00	14.50
Wayne		....	....	....	2.00	....	....	2.00
Young People's Societies		....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Davenport		1.46	....	....	....	10.00	....	11.46
		$16.11	$1.00	$1.50	$10.63	$30.00	$3.00	$62.24

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The great difference between those who *succeed*, and those who *fail* does not consist in the *amount* of work done by each, but in the amount of *efficient* work.

Many fail because in building up with one hand they tear down with the other. Both hands need to be skilled.

They are forever throwing back and forth an empty shuttle and the real web of life is never woven.

There is perhaps no country in the world where there is so much poor work being done. The world is full of half

finished work—*failures* which required only a little more persistency, a little more *efficiency* to make them real works of art.

Let us make it a rule to give our best to whatever passes through our hands. To give it the *Master* touch that will make it a blessing to us and others.

Your historian was much gratified by the prompt and full responses given to her letters of inquiry sent out a few weeks ago.

We have gleaned the following summary from those sent in:

One hundred twenty-one new members have been added since last year.

Seventeen losses and three deaths are reported.

Nine have been made life members.

1. Dr. Baltzly, Omaha, Neb.
2. Rev. C. F. Kock, Omaha, Neb.
3. Mr. Levi Kock, Seattle, Wash.
4. Mrs. Levi Kock, Seattle, Wash.
5. Mrs. L. Roach, Omaha, Neb.
6. Phillip Franklin Roach, Omaha, Neb.
7. Miss Margaret Wetzel, Omaha, Neb.
8. Miss Theckla Dalgreen, Omaha, Neb.
9. Mrs. C. B. Harman, North Platte.

Two have been made Memorial Members.

Mrs. Helen Dresher and Stewart Swihart, both of Omaha.

Two honorary members were added.

Nine new members using the Home Department work.

Four societies have a Local Historian.

Seven societies report an increase in Missionary Interest.

Six new Women's Societies have been organized during the year.

1. Wilber, May, 1916.
2. Benedict, June, 1916.
3. York, July, 1916.
4. Falls City, August 3.
5. South Auburn, July 13.
6. St. Mark's, March 7.

The young people report *two* new societies.

1. Oakland organized May 12, 1916.
2. Bruning organized July 12, 1916.

The Mission Bands have been increased by *three* new societies.

1. Lincoln, October, 1915.
2. Benson, March, 1916.
3. Bruning, July 20, 1916.

The Historian's Collection has been increased by the following:

1. Lutheran Woman's Work, 1916.
2. All the Monthly Tracts.
3. Annual report of Guntur Misson—1915, 1914.
4. Mission Study—Text book—"The King's High Way."
5. Minutes of our State Convention, held at Lincoln, October, 1915.

I wish again to express my appreciation of the prompt and careful reports sent in answer to my inquiries, and the interest and growth manifested in nearly every society.

Let us be faithful in all the small duties just before us—and as time goes on we will be able to do the great things for our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Communication from General Executive Committee read. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 2 O'CLOCK.

Devotional service led by Mrs. Badger.

Roll Call.

Minutes read and approved.

The reports of following committees were read, accepted and referred to respective committees:

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your chairman of the Literature Committee would report that tracts have been sent to the societies each month. Literature has also been sent to the societies not subscribing for the same, and to the congregations having no Missionary Society, for the purpose of increasing interest in the work:

Following is the financial statement:

Receipts.

Sale of Literature	$ 9.11
Sale of Tracts	4.50
Balance due Committee	.59
	$14.20

Disbursements.

Balance brought forward	$ 0.86
To General Literature Committee for Tracts and Literature	11.46
Postage	1.31
Expressage	.57
	$14.20

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE MARTIN-LEFFERDINK.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY CLASS SECRETARY

In response to letters sent out to the various auxiliary societies in regard to the mission study class we received replies from which we make the following report of classes: Yutan; Stella; Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Oakland; Hardy; Omaha P. V.s and West Point Junior.

After considering that this is the first year during which emphasis has been placed on this work, this is a splendid showing. There is no better or surer way to get missionary results than by missionary instruction. The experience of those who have made use of this opportunity will prove a great encouragement and exhortation to those who have not tried it. We trust that the next annual report may include double the number of auxiliary societies now reported.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. J. POWELL.

REPORT OF BOX-WORK COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Box-Work beg to submit the following:

During the year no calls have come in for any needs among our home-missionaries. But being new to the work I feared that some of the Lord's servants might be suffering during

the long cold winter; so I inquired of both the President of Synod and the Synodical Missionary; both assured me that all were prosperous, for which we returned thanks to the kind Father of all.

I wrote to the auxiliaries, stating that no call was at hand for Box-Work at this convention, and urging a large offering to the "Fortieth Anniversary Chest" at the convention. I sincerely trust a most generous offering will result.

Since sending the cards to the auxiliaries I have come in touch with a case which appeals to me deeply, which I wish it may be that the convention will feel we may help. I have in a letter to our president, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, set forth the needs of Brother Esser, who is at Crosby, N. D., trusting that the convention will find means to help them speedily.

I have written six letters and twenty-eight postal cards in the work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. D. DUNCAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

During the past year, I have received letters from nearly all the auxiliary societies, telling of their progress in the work of the Thank-Offering department. In several cases, new plans for conducting the public Thank-Offering meetings are being tried out, and every indication shows that our women are seeing more clearly than ever the importance of this work.

I have sent for literature, which will be enclosed in the fall letters I am now getting out to the various auxiliaries.

May I present to this convention the suggestion made by our General Thank-Offering Secretary—that our appropriation for this department be made from our synodical treasury? This appropriation should be large enough to supply boxes, programs, and other supplies necessary to make this department efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. R. MAXWELL.

HOME DEPARTMENT REPORT.

North Platte, Neb., Oct. 14, 1916.

Home Department Report:

Our new fields this year are Stella and Kountze Memorial, Omaha. Steps have been taken by these two auxiliaries to

start Home Departments, but the work has not advanced enough for a definite report.

We are very glad for these new developments, or we should feel that we had toiled the entire night and caught nothing.

The Home Department at Lincoln reports two of its members joining the Active Society and there are signs of special activity in this work elsewhere.

May God give yet greater blessings. It is still very difficult to obtain an answer from some of our auxiliaries, while others are to be highly commended for their prompt and stimulating replies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. FREDRICKSEN.

Vocal solo by Miss Helen Rahn, St. Luke's, Omaha.

The following reports were read and referred to respective committees:

REPORT OF ANNUITY SECRETARY.

The Annuity Secretary has failed you in any substantial efforts other than the urging of the work in the Magazine Bulletin. It is hoped that the auxiliary societies have kept in mind, the important work and presented it as the opportunity was offered. We would recommend again the appointment of auxiliary secretaries who may keep in touch with the Synodical Secretary for recommendations and suggestions.

MRS. R. M. BADGER.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Your Young People's Secretary reports the following:

Have written fifteen letters in the past year relative to the advancement of the work.

REPORT ONE NEW SOCIETY AT BRUNING.

I take this opportunity to thank those so kindly assisting in the advancement of the work and am only sorry that ill health made it impossible to push the work as planned.

May I ask your prayers in behalf of the Young People's work, not only in organization, but continued activity and efficiency in the organized societies?

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY.

At present we have ten Mission Bands and three Cradle Rolls in this Synod.

Band members reported 174, Cradle Roll members 78.

We are pleased to report three new Mission Bands, at Lincoln, Benson and Bruning, and new Cradle Rolls at Jewel and Hardy.

In December 30 copies of Lutheran Boys and Girls together with postal cards were sent out, urging the use of this interesting and instructive paper. Replies were received from eight, of which three were subscribers, and three subscribed for the year 1916.

In February and again in September letters were sent to all Mission Bands and Cradle Rolls.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON.

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

On May 11, a most inspiring Conference Convention was held at Wayne, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, pastor. General theme was Organization, Chairman of Committee presiding. Devotional led by Mrs. Tarper of Allen. Fraternal greetings from Pastors of North Platte Conference, were conveyed by Rev. S. H. Yerian of Omaha, South Side.

Address—"Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in the Local Church," was given by Mrs. S. H. Yerian of Omaha, South Side, President of Nebraska Synodical Society, in which the co-operation of the Pastors was strongly urged, and the importance of Missionary training of the children and young people especially emphasized.

Paper on the "Work of the Pastors in Organization" was given by Mrs. Lewis, of Emerson, setting forth the opportunity of the Pastors in the dissemination of Missionary intelligence and the creating of a strong Missionary spirit, in hs congregation.

"Work of the Women" was aptly handled by Mrs. Olga Erickson, of Wayne, urging personal work and making use of our splendid Literature.

Mrs. E. C. Wharton, of Allen, took as her theme "After Organization, What?" giving excellent suggestions as to the conduct of the monthly meetings, emphasizing the Spiritual instead of the Social, and pleading for loyalty and efficiency.

It was an added pleasure to have present Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., our General President, who presented the work of the society in a very instructive manner.

Mrs. Warner, of Allen, closed with a paper on "Children's and Young People's Work." Noteworthy features of the Conference were the unusual large attendance of representatives of Auxiliaries and the fact that every woman on the program did the part assigned her.

New Societies Organized During Year.

Woman's Society organized by Synodical President at St. Marks, Rev. L. H. Groh, Pastor, on March 14, 1916, with six charter members, now 29.

Mission Study Class, Kountze Memorial, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Ph. D., pastor, on India in February, and on Africa in April.

Mission Band, of Benson, Rev. C. W. Nelson, pastor, Mrs. S. H. Yerian also assisting in organizing, on February 22 with 26 members.

On May 12 at Oakland, Rev. J. R. Wennermark, pastor, the young ladies were organized by the General President, Synodical President, President of W. H. and F. M. Society of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, and Chairman of Conference Committee, but regret to report this society disbanded in October.

On July 16 a Home Department was formed in Kountze Memorial, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, pastor, following five ladies volunteering to act as leaders.

Miss Wetzel, Mrs. Edmonds, White, Dohn and Walter Springer. They now report five members.

Mission Study Class Pax Vobiscum (Helpers' Circle), of Kountze Memorial, organized in October with 26 members.

West Point Junior Mission Study Class, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor.

Glad to report prospects for three Mission Bands for the coming year. Thanking other members of Committee for their diligent work during past year and for the interest manifested at Conference meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, Chairman,
MRS. H. C. HECKT,
MRS. C. B. HARMAN.

APPENDIX F.

Membership and Beneficence Chart

PLACE	CONGREGATION	RANK	Com Members No 1915	Com Members Gain 1916	Com Members Loss 1916	Bene. balance
ALLEN	First	I	85	14		⊙
AUBURN	St Pauls	I	90	5		⊙
BEATRICE	Trinity	II	149		6	⊙
BENEDICT	Bethel	II	34			⊙
"	Zion	II	77			⊙
BENSON	First	II	50	73		-
BOHEMIAN	First Engl	I	82	12		○
DAKOTA	Emmanuel	I	80	15		⊙
"	Salem	II	19		2	⊙
DAVENPORT	Christ	II	90			⊙
EMERSON	St LUKE	I	48	42		⊕
ERICSON	First	III	19			-
FALLS CITY	St Pauls	II	102	10		-
GURLEY	SPACE			16		
Grand Island	St Pauls	I	165	5		⊙
Hardy	St Pauls	I	90	5		⊙
	Jewel	II	25		1	⊕
Hampton	Emmanuel			46		
Homer	St Pauls	III	28			-
Hooper	SPACE			65		-
HUBBARD	Trinity	III	20			-
Horton Co	Emmanuel			24		
LINCOLN	SPACE	I	171	29		⊕
LEWELLEN	Grace	II	50	3		-
McCOOL	First	III	17			-
McDermott	First	III	86		25	-
North Platte	First	I	180	5		⊕
OAKLAND	St Paul's	I	22	1		⊕
"	SPACE	III	21			-
Omaha	Kountze Mem.	I	1050	331		⊕
"	Grace	I	145	15		⊙
"	St Luke's	II	164	14		-
"	St Mark's	I	128	12		⊕
"	Ludden Mem	II	36	9		-
OshKosh	St Mark's	III	40			-
Paxton	Trinity	III	47			—
PONCA	SALEM	I	85	3		○
Potter	First	I	37	2		⊙
Rising City	First	I	77	14		○
PAWNEE	Zion					
ROCA	Zion		10			-
Sidney	Trinity	I	23	17		⊙
Sutherland	Grace	II	20	22		-
Stamford	Trinity	I	64	3		⊙
STELLA	Trinity	III	75		10	-
Surprise	Zion		19			
Te Kemah	Emmanuel	I	24	6		⊙
West Point	Grace	II	260			⊙
Wayne	St Paul's	III	133		1	—
Wilber	First	I	37	1		⊙
Wolbach	Trinity	II	105	1		—
Waverly	Trinity	III	22			—
Walton	Grace			103		
YUTAN	Zion		12			—
York	First	I	69	4		⊙

⊙ Excess Bal. & Bal. applied on Deficit ○ Deficit ⊕ Bal. applied on Deficit

Congregations that took up a collection for Beneficence last year ... Members ... Full Beneficence

" " 2nd rank report year ... " " Members ... Full Beneficence

" " 3rd rank report year ... " " Members ... Full Beneficence

REPORT OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

The good report that the South Platte Conference committee submits to you this year is not due to the work of the committee alone, but to the untiring efforts of our worthy president, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, and to those who have been sowing the seed for many years. The harvest is four Woman's Society organizations, one Young People's Society; and two Mission Bands. The work in this conference is most encouraging. We have written many letters, and in May, at Wilber, a splendid conference was held which was a spiritual uplift to all who were present.

The following is the report of organizations:

October 8, 1915, Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Rev. R. M. Badger, pastor; a Mission Band with twelve members.

January 6, 1916, York, Rev. C. E. Sparks, pastor; a Woman's Missionary society with nine members.

May 17, 1916, Wilber, Rev. Geo. Dorn, pastor; a Woman's Missionary society reorganized with eight active and four associate members.

July 6, 1916, Benedict, Rev. P. A. J. Buelow, pastor; a Woman's Missionary society with 12 members.

July 13, South Auburn, Rev. M. A. Ritzen, pastor; a Woman's Missionary society with seven members.

July 17, Bruning, Rev. Jos. C. Miller, pastor; a Young People's society with 12 members.

July 23, Bruning, a Mission Band with six members.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. E. BOLLINGER, Chairman.

Paper—"Early History of Our Work," by Mrs. G. W. Snyder of Ludden Memorial, Omaha, read by Mrs. Sylvia Stough.

Paper—"The Fortieth Anniversary Chest," by Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City.

"The Young People's Hour" was conducted by Miss Mary Johnson, Nebraska City.

Paper—"The Young Woman's Opportunity in Mission Work," by Miss Leona Snyder, was read by Miss Marvel Smith.

Adjourned for the playlet given at St. Luke's Church by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Kountze Memorial Church.

An offering of $5.08 was received.

Adjourned with our closing prayer.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional led by Mrs. Badger.

Solo by Miss Bollman of Lincoln.

Greetings from former Recording Secretary, Mrs. Weismiller; from the Northern Illinois Synodical Society; from Mrs. Bollinger of Nebraska City, and from Miss Miller, General Treasurer, were read.

Minutes of morning and afternoon sessions of October 18, read and approved. Report of Magazine Secretary, read, accepted and referred to proper committee.

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

Your Magazine Secretary would submit the following report: During the last year have written 35 letters and 10 postal cards. Most of the Societies were very prompt in sending their reports. A few did not respond at all. But we have made commendable growth over last year. Several Societies have lost by removal nearly half of their membership. We feel that still more could have been done, but according to reports received we have 89 new subscriptions, making a total of 346 which is more than last year. I am glad we have so many new Societies in the work. We welcome our Sisters in the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. L. MELICK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Having carefully examined the "Standard of Efficiency" as outlined by the Special Committee setting forth a standard of excellence for all auxiliaries to follow, we recommend the adoption of said standard.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET,
MRS. C. E. GOULD.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee submits the following: We highly commend the Executive Committee, for appointing a committee to prepare a suitable standard of efficiency for our Synodical Society. If we expect to grow we cannot have too high a standard.

We also strongly approve of their action as to the length of the convention papers, and recommend that they be more varied, and limited to ten or fifteen minutes. Also that money used for railroad fare, for the purpose of encouraging and reviving the old organizations and organizing new ones is money well spent and like seed sown on good ground, will return an hundred fold.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. RITZEN.
MRS. FRED WOOD,

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your Committee on Historian's Report note with pleasure the exceedingly encouraging items of life members, new societies and great activity recorded in so many places. Such reports make us feel that the Lord's work is prospering greatly in the hands of His hand-maidens and is the occasion for profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church.

We commend the historian for her intelligent and comprehensive report and faithfulness in detail information.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. E. GOULD,
MRS. E. LARSEN.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

We commend the efficient work of the Conference Committees. We notice that the North Platte Conference included a very fine Mission program by the ladies. The South Platte Conference gave a great deal of credit to our president, Mrs. Yerian, for their excellent progress in forming so many new societies.

We rejoice in the number of new societies formed and would strongly urge that this work be continued with increased enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON,
MRS. F. H. THOMPSON.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following: That we appreciate the greetings and message from our General Executive Committee and urge that each society appoint themselves a Committee to see that "Lutheran Boys and Girls" be placed in all Sunday Schools of our Synod, that the papers may be put on a paying basis.

Also that we continue to push subscriptions for our Splendid "Woman's Work," and that we do our part in answering appeals as they come from our General Executive Committee.

That we appreciate the greetings of our General Treasurer, Miss Miller, and rejoice with her in our goodly increase.

We also express appreciation for the kind words of greeting from Northern Illinois Synod, and the message of greeting and love from our former Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Weismiller.

The paper on "Early History of Our Work" by Mrs. G. W. Snyder was most instructive and inspiring. We request that this paper be submitted to the editor of "Woman's Work" for publication.

Mrs. Neiswanger gave a splendid paper on "The Fortieth Anniversary Chest" full of good thoughts and information.

We recommend the constant use of the Chests that in 1919 Nebraska may take her place in the front rank. Also the use of the Blotter-Chests and Seals.

The papers on "Efficiency" and "The Young Woman's Opportunity in Mission Work" were instructive and interesting and we wish to express our appreciation for the good thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON,
ADDA STAMBOUGH.

Report adopted.

Motion carried that the Committee on Letters and Papers add to their report a request to the Editor of Lutheran Woman's Work to print the excellent paper by Mrs. G. W. Snyder on "Early History of Our Work."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

We are pleased to notice the activities of the Literature Committee in reaching those that do not voluntarily seek our missionary literature. It is good seed sown.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. G. ANDERSON,
MRS. SYLVIA S. STOUGH.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S MINUTES.

We, your Committee, have carefully examined the minutes of last year, and we concluded that with the exception of a few typographical errors, the minutes were correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
WILHELMINA RENSCH.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We, the Committee on Corresponding Secretary's report, have carefully examined the same and respectfully submit it to you as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA SPILLNER,
MRS. G. H. MILLER.

Report adopted.

Motion carried that the General Society be memorialized to print blanks for Corresponding Secretaries' Reports so that they may be more easily prepared for the printer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. C. H. Lewis. On motion, the rules were suspended and a unanimous ballot cast for the following officers:

Vice-President—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. B. Weller.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Delegate to General Convention at Wheeling, W. Va.—Mrs. S. H. Yerian. Alternate, Mrs. G. W. Snyder.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 2 O'CLOCK.

Devotional led by Mrs. Badger.

Solo by Miss Bollman.

Report of Committee on Claims read and adopted.

We recommend that the following claims be allowed:

Mrs. S. H. Yerian, printing, railway fare, postage	$15.43
Miss Lydia Bender, credentials, car fare, postage, telephone	7.65
Mrs. C. Roby Maxwell, literature, postage	.75
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, salary, postage	7.75
Mrs. M. A. Mostert, railway fare, postage	2.10
Mrs. M. L. Melick, postage, material for chart	1.25
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, postage	.50
Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, itinerary expenses	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK,
MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

Report of Committee on President's Address read and adopted seriatim, and as a whole.

With our President we rejoice that during the past year our Society has gone forward, new societies have been organized and others revived: noting her admonition to build up the spiritual in preference to the social side of the work to insure us permanency.

The following recommendations should receive our attention:

1. That this convention devise means whereby we may fittingly celebrate the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation making one of the goals the doubling of our membership.

2. That Quarterly Reports be sent to the President by Officers and Department Secretaries.

3. That this Convention devise means for the definite visitation of new, weak and inactive auxiliaries by some person thoroughly acquainted with local conditions.

4. That our membership be thoroughly canvassed during the month of November, for the purpose of securing new and renewal subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, and that efforts be made to place Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School in our Synod.

5. That the Nebraska Synod be memorialized to give the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in actual practice, the place it rightfully deserves, making it first among its organizations—especially in the newly organized congregations, on account of its educational and spiritual influence; even though such Societies may not be able to contribute largely to General Work.

In appreciation of the faithful and untiring work of our retiring President, we recommend a rising vote of thanks be given her by this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER,
MRS. E. BOLLMAN.

Motion carried that the President appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee, appointed by Synod, to devise ways and means of fittingly observing the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation.

Motion carried that the work of visiting and strengthening weak Societies be left to Conference Committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES' REPORTS.

Your Committee has carefully examined the reports of the several department secretaries and hereby offers the following suggestions and recommendations:

In the Thank-Offering Secretary's report we suggest that any one having interesting plans for a Thank-Offering program be given an opportunity of presenting the same.

We note in the report of the Thank-Offering Secretary that an appropriation has been asked for, as suggested by the General Thank-Offering Secretary, to provide means for making this department more efficient. We would recommend that an amount not exceeding $5.00 be appropriated by the Synodical Society for this purpose.

We commend the Secretaries of the Young People's Societies and Mission Bands for what they have done and emphasize strongly the importance of these organizations.

We also see the great need of the Home Department in our auxiliaries and wish that this could have a more important place in our Societies and that such members be urged to become active as possible.

We have also examined the report of the Mission Study Class Secretary and would ask that each auxiliary send a report to the corresponding secretary of any such class as they may have and also the number who are in the class.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LYDIA BENDER,
MRS. C. N. SWIHART.

Adopted.

Rev. Ceder, Haxtum, Colo., Missionary of Pan-Lutheran Mission Society for work in Latin America, spoke of his future work in Argentine.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns also spoke on above society.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your committee, have examined the report of the Box Work Committee carefully, and recommend that it be accepted.

The committee does not feel, however, that at this time assistance can be given the North Dakota pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. BADGER,
MRS. H. C. FREADRICK.

Adopted.

Convention adjourned to meet in St. Luke's Church after the drama by the Young Woman's Missionary Society and the Mission Band of St. Luke's.

Offering of $2.85 was received.

Adjourned meeting.

Round Table—"Auxiliary Problems," led by Mrs. Allen Koch.

Paper, "What the Woman's Auxiliary Owes to the Children's Band," by Mrs. Laura Warner, read by Mrs. C. E. Sparks.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

To God, the Father be given glory and honor for the blessings of the past, and prayers for guidance in the future.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

1. That we are so thankful for the encouraging reports showing such wonderful progress during the past year in all lines of our work, and that trusting in the Lord and encouraged by the past, we will push forward with renewed energy.

2. That we express our hearty appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of our President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, and co-officers for the past year.

3. We regret the absence and removal from our midst of our faithful and efficient co-workers for so many years, Mrs. Matie Martin-McAlister and Mrs. Maude Martin-Lefferdink.

4. That we greatly appreciate the honor conferred upon us in having with us the first night both our General President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, and our State President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, and that we highly appreciated the excellent address given by the former.

5. That we rejoiced in the opportunity of partaking with the Synod the blessings of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.

6. That we give a hearty welcome to the many new societies that joined our ranks the past year and commend the

hearty interest already shown in representative delegates from their ranks.

7. That we appreciate the letters and greetings sent to this convention from our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Beegle; General Treasurer, Miss Miller; also from our past Secretary, Mrs. Weismiller; our President's former home, and from our afflicted sister, Mrs. Warner.

8. We wish to especially mention the Junior Choir of St. Luke's, also the Senior Choir and the beautiful solos that delighted the audiences at Convention Hall; the playlet, "A Day In India," by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Kountze Memorial, and a drama, "Do Missions Pay?" by the Young Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band of St. Luke's.

9. That we greatly enjoyed hearing about the new work to be started in Latin-America by the Augustana Synod, from their missionary, Rev. Ceder.

10. That we show our appreciation of the excellent entertainment given this Convention by pastor and people of St. Luke's, by a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LAURA B. SNYDER,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Adopted by rising vote.

Installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. E. Bollman.

Motion carried that the newly elected President appoint the committee to devise means to fittingly celebrate the Quadri-Centennial Anniversary of the Reformation.

Motion carried that the offerings which were to have been received at this Convention for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund, be included in the next quarter's remittance to the Synodical Treasurer.

Minutes read and adopted.

After the benediction by Dr. Yerian, the President declared the Thirty-sixth Convention adjourned.

MRS. R. B. WELLER,
Recording Secretary.